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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

Re: PQ – 20688/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed east Meath primary care centre; if a site has been secured; if so, the full list of services that will be provided on-site; the reason for the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Fergus O'Dowd.

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The Design is complete and Planning Permission is now granted for Bettystown PCC. The Developer requires the agreement for lease to be in place before the works on site can be commenced. The developers legal team have issued revised documents to the HSE's legal team and we believe that all issues are now addressed we expect the agreement for Lease to be signed in the coming weeks.

This now allows the developer to proceed with a tender process for the procurement of building contractors. We are advised that the developer hopes to be in a position to appoint a contractor before the end of the year. Given the extent of works required and the on-going pandemic it is likely to take the majority of 2021 to complete the building works with equipping to follow and the centre operational by Q2 2022. When a building contractor is appointed we will be in a position to provide a more detailed programme.

The full list of services planned for the Primary Care Centre are as follows;

- Primary Care including Nursing, SLT, OT, Physio, Psychology
- Disabilities
- Elderly Day Care

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn Chief Officer Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation